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Sir:

Applicant is aware of the prior art cited on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the prior art are included herewith. German references DE 37 14 660 and DE 197 35 893 are discussed in the Background section of the application. German reference DE 39 18 667 was cited by the German Examiner in connection with the corresponding German application. However, the German Examiner has indicated that DE 39 18 667, although cited, is not relevant with respect to novelty and inventive step.

Respectfully,

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